

## The Heavenly Father

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Every Lord's Day is "**Father's Day**" to Christians. Jesus often reminded the disciples of what the Heavenly Father does for us. Let's be reminded of these things, and take time to give thanks to our gracious and good Father in heaven.

God sends the rain and the sunshine to all men equally, regardless of their moral quality, Matthew 5:45.

Our heavenly Father is "*perfect*" or complete in every characteristic (Matt. 5:48) and this is reflected in His treatment of mankind.

Our heavenly Father rewards the faithful, Matthew 6:1 and 7:21. Therefore to us, His Name is holy, Matthew 6:9.

The Father forgives those who humbly confess and repent of their sins (Matt. 6:14; 18:35; Mk. 11:25-26) and this is depicted beautifully in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18, 21).

Our heavenly Father is so omniscient in His wisdom and knowledge that He faithfully feeds every creature of the earth, and so we can confidently know that He will care for us, Matthew 6:26. God knows what we need before we ask (Matt. 6:32), but it behooves us to ask for our own benefit.

The best earthly father cannot improve upon the eternal gifts which have been given to us by God, Matthew 7:11; Luke 11:13.

He reveals the truth to "*babes*," Matthew 11:25; 16:17; Luke 10:21; and it is a blessing to be called His children, Matthew 12:50.

Our heavenly Father desires for all men to be saved (Matt. 18:14), and knows the exact time of the end of all things (Matt. 24:36; Mk. 13:32). But He does not force Himself upon men, nor compel them to submit to His will and ways.

Our heavenly Father feeds our soul with the bread from heaven (John 6:32), and for those of us who drink from the Fountain of Life, its truths, beauty and wisdom spring up in us as a life-giving refreshment. Indeed, **Happy Heavenly Father's Day!**

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